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## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
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CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., et al.,	:	Case No. 08-35653-KRH
	:	
Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)

LIMITED OBJECTION BY CERTAIN LANDLORDS
TO THE MOTION OF DEBTORS FOR ORDER UNDER BANKRUPTCY CODE
SECTION 365(d)(4) EXTENDING TIME WITHIN WHICH DEBTORS
MAY ASSUME OR REJECT UNEXPIRED LEASES OF
NONRESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY

Cardinal Capital Partners, Westfield, LLC, The Balogh Companies, Benenson Capital,
The Daniel Group, Kingsport 98, LLC, and certain of their affiliates as set forth on Schedule A
attached hereto (collectively, the "Landlords"), by counsel, hereby files this limited objection
(the "Objection") to the relief requested in the Motion of Debtors for Order under Bankruptcy
Code section 365(d)(4) Extending Time within which Debtors may Assume or Reject Unexpired
Leases of Nonresidential Real Property (the "Extension Motion"), and in support thereof,
represent as follows:

## Introduction

1. On November 10, 2008 (the "Petition Date"), the above-captioned debtors (the "Debtors") filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States

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Code, as amended (the "Bankruptcy Code") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division (the "Bankruptcy Court").

## Objection

- 2. As of the Petition Date, the Landlords were landlords and certain of the Debtors were tenants pursuant to a total of 24 unexpired leases of nonresidential real property (the "Leases") for (i) retail store space at enclosed malls which constitute "shopping centers" as that term is used in 11 U.S.C. § 365(b); (ii) stand-alone retail stores; and (iii) distribution and/or warehouse facilities.
- 3. Pursuant to the Extension Motion, the Debtors are seeking an extension of time to assume or reject leases pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365(d)(4), with regard to those leases set forth on Schedule A to the Extension Motion including all of the Leases other than a handful that are subject to store closing sales or were rejected as of the Petition Date (the "Extension Leases").
- 4. The Landlords are principally concerned that the rents and charges will be paid by the Debtors on a timely basis. Although the Debtors recite that they "intend to remain current on all of their postpetition rent obligations arising from and after the Petition Date for those Leases covered by the extension sought by this Motion," see Extension Motion at pp. 13-14, as of the filing of this Limited Objection the December rents have not been received by the Landlords or their lenders, as applicable.
- 5. In light of the fact that the Debtors are seeking this relief so early in this case and that there is a question as to whether the December rents have been paid, the Landlords request that the Debtors be compelled to demonstrate that the December rents have been sent to the proper addresses as required by the respective Leases.

WHEREFORE: the Landlords request that the court enter an order:

- a. sustaining this Limited Objection;
- b. requiring the Debtors to demonstrate that the December rents have been paid as required under the Leases; and
- c. granting the Landlords such other and further relief as the court deems appropriate.

Dated: December 3, 2008 Richmond, Virginia

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 3, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Limited Objection to Motion for Order Extending Time Within Which Debtors May Assume or Reject Unexpired Leases of Nonresidential Property Entry of Appearance and Request for Service of Papers was served by electronic means via the Court's ECF/CM system, and to the following:

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320	Gircuit Investors #2 Ltd., a Texas Partnership	4708 South Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34231		
3202	2 Circuit Investors #2 Ltd., a Texas Partnership	7001 NW 4th Blvd. Gainesville, FL 32607		
825	Circuit Investors #2 Ltd., a Texas Partnership	3551 32nd Avenue Marlow Heights, MD 20748	Auction	
6057	Circuit Investors #2 Ltd., a Texas Partnership	3001 Airport Thruway Columbus, GA 31909	OF POATS	
6467	Circuit Investors #2 Ltd., a Texas Partnership	667 North Cockrell Hill Road Duncanville, TX 75116	REJECTED	
3501	Circuit Investors #2 Ltd., a Texas Partnership	10400 N Cental Expressway Dallas, TX 75231	Auction REJECTED	
3100	Circuit Investors #3 Ltd., a Virginia Partnership	9900 West Broad St. Glen Allen, VA 23060		
	Westfield			
	Center	Tenant Entity		
420	Eastland	Circuit City Stores, Inc.		
3218	Gateway	Circuit City Stores, Inc.		
3123	Louis Joliet	Circuit City Stores, Inc.	Auction	
	Trumbull Wheaton	Circuit City Stores, Inc. Circuit City Stores, Inc.		
	CARDINAL CAPITAL PARTNERS			
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	110 South Independence Blvd.	Virginia Beach		
3303		City of Industry 600 West Hillcrest		
4303		DriveThousand Oaks, CA 1560 Gateway Boulevard Fairfield, CA	Auction	
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0404		551 N. Milwaukee		
3124 3112		Ave.Vernon Hills, IL Downers Grove	Auction	
	Benenson			
3616		Columbus		
		Valnut		
	Kingsport 98, LLC			
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